

Crater Lake National Park

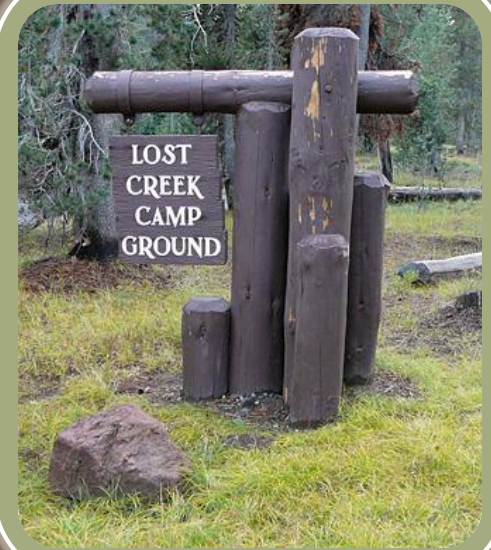
BACKCOUNTRY PERMITS



What kind of camping experience are you looking for?

1) Camping with facilities

- ❖ No hike in
- ❖ Established sites
- ❖ Fire pits
- ❖ Tent/car camping sites
- ❖ RV sites with electrical hookups
- ❖ Bathrooms with showers
- ❖ (See “Front Country Camping” tab for further info)



2) Backcountry camping

- ❖ Hike in (1 mile to 4+ miles)
- ❖ Primitive sites
- ❖ No bathrooms
- ❖ No bear boxes
- ❖ Consists of a fire ring and a flat space
- ❖ (See “Backcountry Camping” tab for further info)

*For additional overnight options (including motels, campsites out of park, and free car camping) see the “Lodging & Camping” tab.



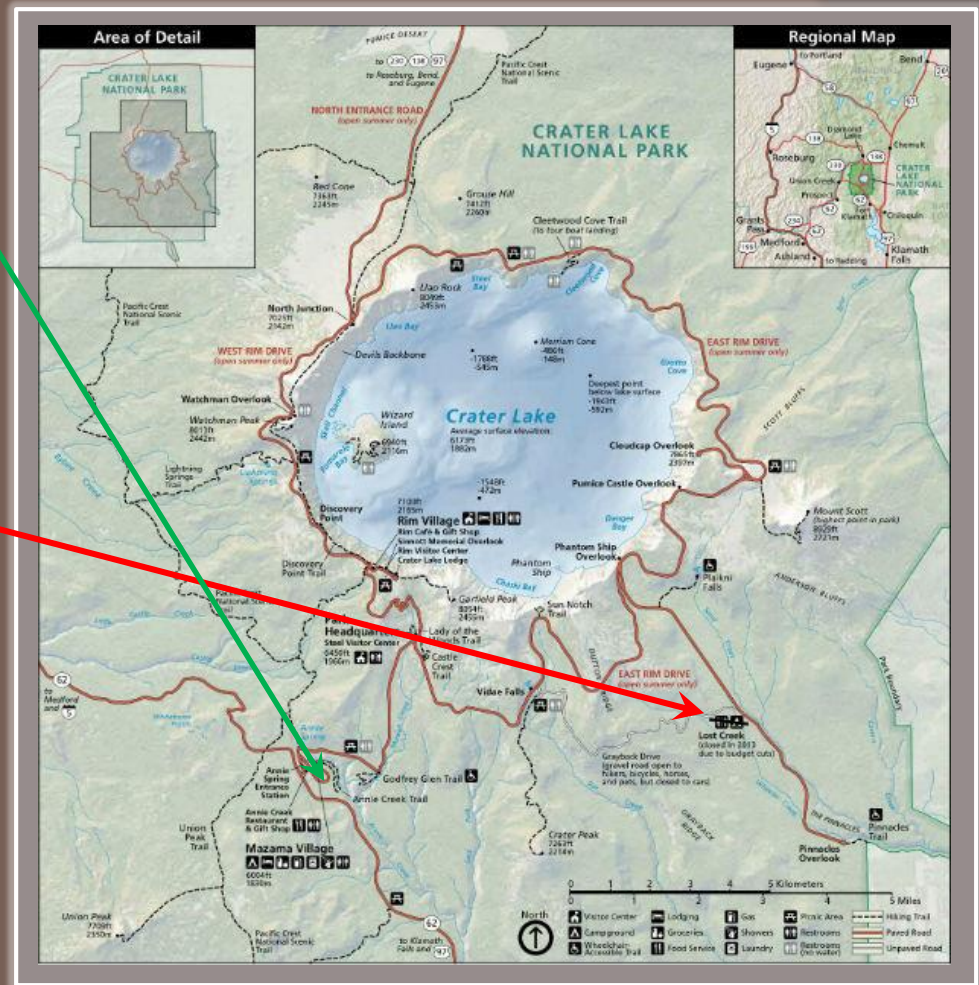
Front Country Camping

Mazama Campground

Tent and car camping in 200+ established sites with fire pits. Electrical hookups for RV's. Bathrooms. Camp store and gas nearby. Located in Mazama Village.

Lost Creek Campground

Primitive tent and car camping in 17 established sites with fire pits. Pit toilets. Self-registration. 3 miles south of East Rim Drive on Pinnacles Rd.



We have 5 designated backcountry camping sites:

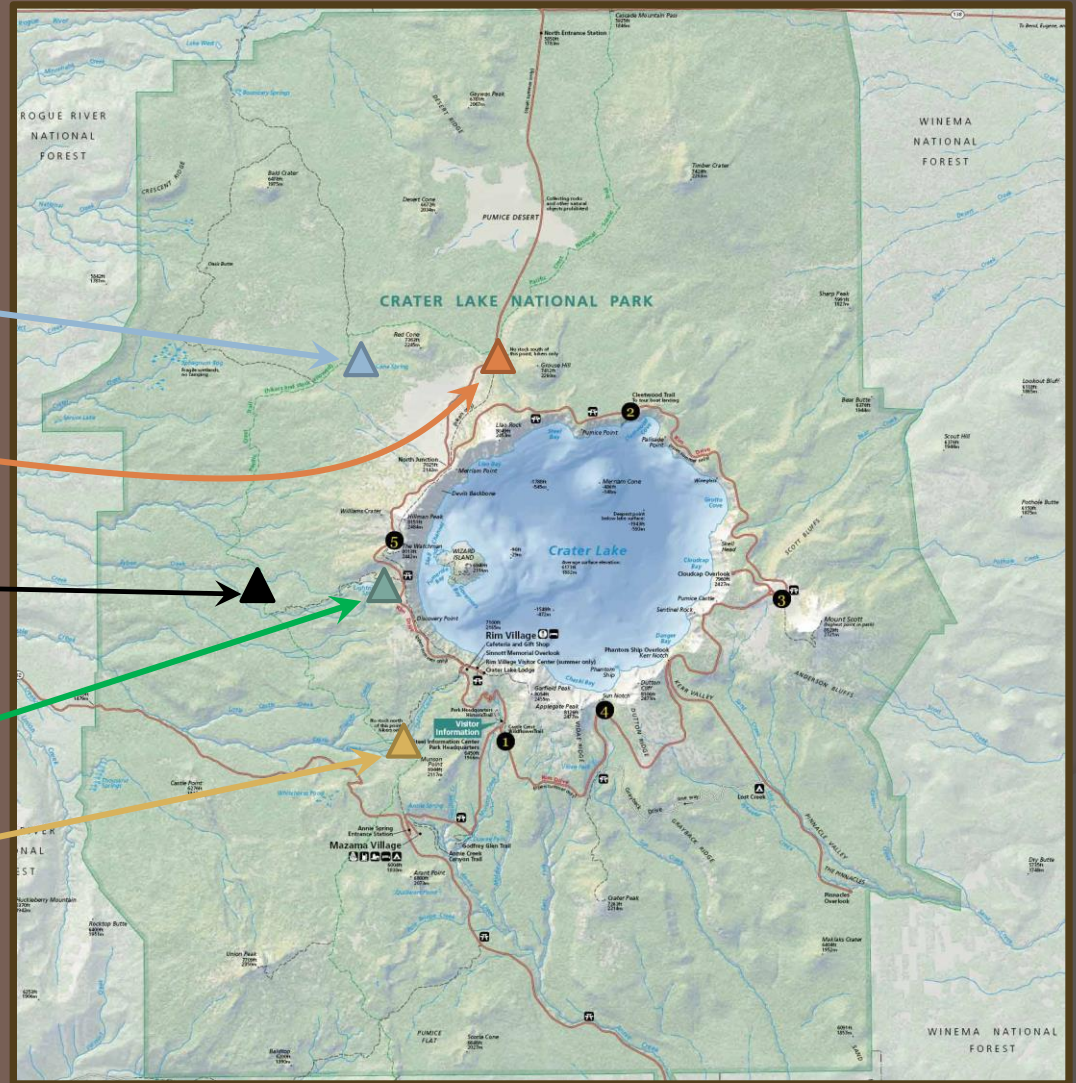
Red Cone

Grouse Hill

Bybee

Lightning Springs

Dutton Creek



Red Cone Springs

- ❖ Approx. 4.1 miles from PCT North Trailhead
- ❖ 2 official sites (dispersed camping allowed)
- ❖ Reliable water source
- ❖ Walk among Lodgepole Pine forest.
- ❖ During the fall, Elk are often seen and heard in this area.



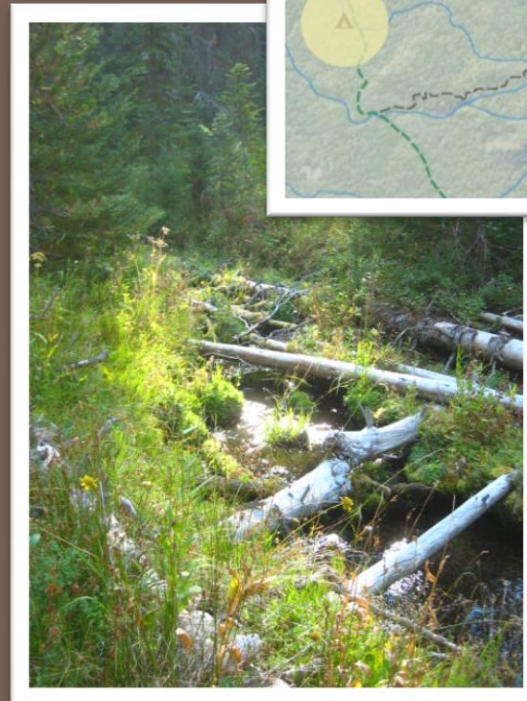
Grouse Hill

- ❖ Less than 1 mile from PCT North Trailhead
- ❖ ½ mile from North Entrance Road
- ❖ 2 official sites (dispersed camping allowed)
- ❖ Often used as a base camp for visitors to set up and hike out to see other parts of the park
- ❖ Dry camp (no water)

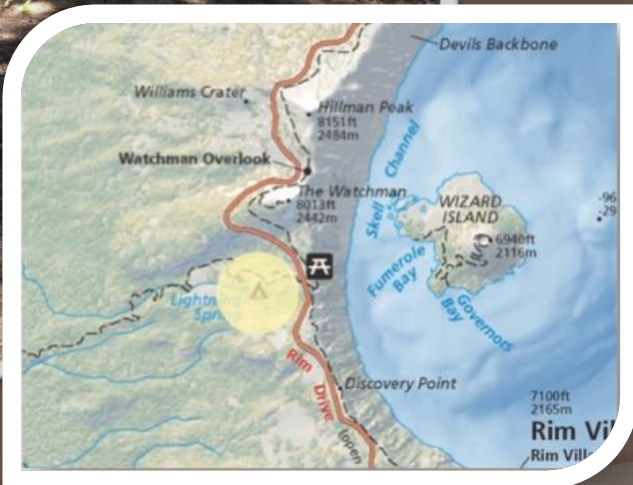
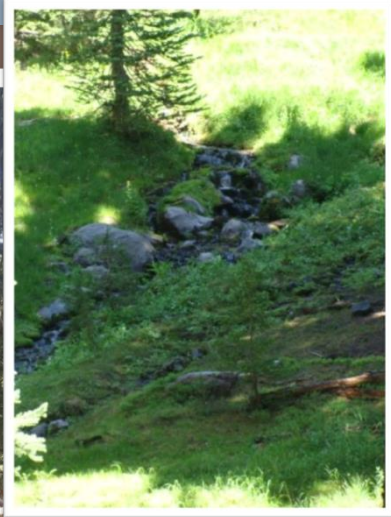


Bybee Creek

- ❖ Located off of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
- ❖ Hike through forest
- ❖ 2 official sites (dispersed camping allowed)
- ❖ Reliable water source



Lightning Springs



- ❖ Approx. 1 mile from Lightning Springs Trailhead
- ❖ 3 official sites (dispersed camping allowed)
- ❖ Reliable water source
- ❖ Hike through mixed meadows and forest
- ❖ Very popular and often overbooked

Dutton Creek

- ❖ Approx. 2.4 miles from Rim Village (downhill hike first), or 2.1 from PCT off W. Hwy 62 (uphill hike first)
- ❖ 2 official sites (dispersed camping allowed)
- ❖ Sites sit among trees and near the creek
- ❖ Hike through mixed meadows and forest



Non-designated/Dispersed Camping

- ❖ If designated backcountry campsites are full, or if you prefer more seclusion, dispersed camping is permitted under the following conditions:
 - You must be at least one mile from any maintained road or developed area
 - You must be 100 feet away from any water source or meadow
 - You must be out of sight of hiking and skiing trails as well as other camp sites and parties



Prohibited Areas

- ❖ Within ¼ mile of Boundary Springs, Sphagnum Bog, and Thousand Springs
- ❖ Between Rim Drive and Crater Lake
- ❖ Inside the caldera
- ❖ On Mt. Scott, Garfield Peak, Wizard Island and the associated trails

See next page for map of allowed/prohibited dispersed camping areas.



Camp Fires

Camp fires are permitted under the following conditions:

- You use the permanent fire rings in designated sites
- You extinguish and remove all evidence of fire when dispersed camping
- Only use dead and down wood below 6,900ft, and nothing thicker than your wrist

Fires are prohibited between Rim Drive and Crater Lake.

Be Advised:

- ❖ Pets, bikes, and motorized vehicles are all prohibited in the backcountry.
- ❖ The maximum group size is 8 people. If you have more than 8 people you must split up in small groups on the trail.
- ❖ Traveling inside the caldera is prohibited except on the Cleetwood Cove Trail



Be Advised

- ❖ Seasonal fire restrictions may limit or prohibit campfires (check with Ranger for current status)
- ❖ Food must be stored overnight with a bear locker or hung in a tree
- ❖ Human waste must be packed out, or buried 6 inches deep 100ft from any water source.



Protecting Your Food

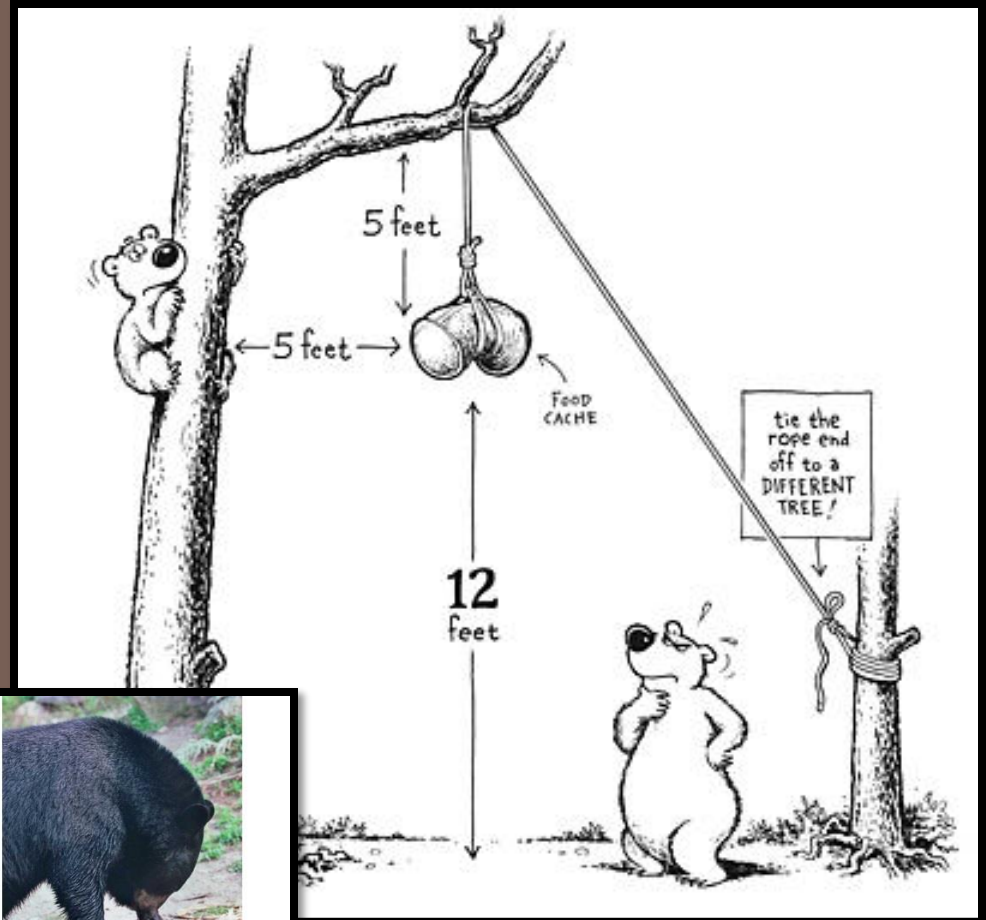
Crater Lake National Park is home to many animals – including black bear, elk, deer, bobcats, mountain lions, fox and many others. To protect the wildlife and yourself, **food must be either:**

Hung from tree, 5ft out, 12 ft up

or

Put in bear-resistant storage container

(We do not rent canisters. Mazama Camper store has rope for sale.)



Please remember:

- ❖ You must carry this permit with you. You may be asked by a ranger to produce it as proof you registered.
- ❖ You will be held financially responsible for any costs incurred from the search & rescue team should Crater Lake National Park be notified you are a missing person and a search is initiated.

Thank you and enjoy your visit to
Crater Lake!

